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# Annual Report

of the

# Municipal Officers

of the

## TOWN OF

# CORNISH

## MAINE

For the Fiscal Year ending

## FEBRUARY 1, 1947

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

# TOWN OF CORNISH

# MAINE

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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1

1947

**NOTICE**

This report is submitted subject to an audit by a qualified public accountant, in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 216, Public Laws of Maine, 1937.

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*Chester V. Small, Printing, Cornish, Maine*

# TOWN OFFICERS

**Town Clerk**

FLORENCE WATKINS

**Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor**

ROLAND R. DAY RAYMOND B. BENSON
CHARLES N. DRAPER

**Treasurer and Collector**

LESTER L. NORTON

**School Committee**

ROBERT PIKE CHARLES BRADEEN
HOWARD OUTHUSE

**Road Commissioners**

CARL DAY CHARLES STONE

**Superintendent of Schools**

WALTER F. PULSIFER

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

WESTON I. COLE

**Fence Viewers**

BERT DAY CHARLES STONE
HARRY PENDEXTER

**Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber**

MILLARD DAY THOMAS SWASEY

**Constables**

I. P. HOLMAN K. C. WARREN
L. L. NORTON

**Fire Wards**

MERLON JOHNSON

**Board of Health**

DR. S. G. SAWYER J. RAY BRADEEN
LAWRENCE THOMPSON

**Truant Officer**

ROBERT T. RANDALL

# WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

To Lester L. Norton, a Constable, in the Town of Cornish, in the County of York, and the State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

You are requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Cornish, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Pike Memorial Hall, in said Cornish on Monday, the third day of March, A. D. 1947, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following articles to wit:

Polls for the election of officers under Chapter 5, Section 40, Revised Statutes, will open at 9 o'clock in the forenoon and remain open for four hours.

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a town clerk, three selectmen, assessors, and overseers of the poor, treasurer, collector, and one member of the school board for three years, a road commissioner for the North end of town and a road commissioner for the South end of town.

Art. 3. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for support of high school, janitor, fuel and teaching.

For high school.

For common school.

For industrial education.

For textbooks and supplies.

For repair of school buildings.

For support of poor.

Recommendation, $200.00 plus excise tax.

For repair of roads and bridges.

Recommendation:

North end, $400.00.

South end, $500.00

For opening roads in winter.

Recommendation, $3,300.00.

For medical bills.

Recommendation, $100.00.

For contingent expenses.

Recommendation, $700.00.

For town officers and superintendent of school bills.

Recommendation, $1,200.00.

For collection and abatement of taxes.

Recommendation, $200.00.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen and treasurer to make temporary loan or loans in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying obligations of the town; such loan or loans to be paid during the current municipal year out of money raised during said current municipal year by taxes.

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for interest on temporary loan or loans.

Recommendation, $100.00.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a necessary amount of money to pay for recent damage done by snow on the gymnasium.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a necessary sum of money for repairs on the gymnasium.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00) to pay Cornish and Kezar Falls Light and Power Co. for street lights.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to procure from Cornish Library Association the free use of its books for all inhabitants of said town, agreeable to the laws of the State of Maine.

Recommendation, $100.00.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day, and how same shall be expended.

Recommendation, $75.00.

Art. 11. To see if the town will raise the sum of $100.00 for the York County Tuberculosis and Health Service.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to authorize Sunday sports.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cornish fire department.

Art. 14. To see what per cent the town will vote the tax collector for the collection of taxes.

Recommendation, ½ of 1%.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred dollars ($700.00) to pay the Cornish Water Company for rental of hydrants.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of $300.00 to cooperate with the Maine Forest Service and the Federal Government in control of the White Pine Blister Rust in accordance with Revised Statutes, Chapter 32, Secs. 53-58.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer to deduct an amount not exceeding thirty-three and one-third per cent of the amount of each order drawn by said town in favor of each resident and non-resident tax payer of said town and apply same to the payment of tax both current and past, except taxes on real estate for prior years due said town from said tax payer until tax is fully paid.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to sell any and all tax deeds or liens held by the town which in their judgment is for the best interest of the town and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of State and State aid roads.

Recommendation, $1,255.20.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred twenty-eight dollars ($428.00) for the maintenance of the improved sections of third class roads or to be used in construction with the State apportionment for the construction of third class roads.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for State aid road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the

provisions of Sections 25 and 29, Chapter 20, Revised Statutes as amended.

Recommendation, $533.00.

Art. 22. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for cutting bushes on town roads.

Art. 23. To see whether or not the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars ($50.00) to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80, Section 95, of the Revised Statutes of Maine.

Art. 24. To see what action the town will take to either closing the road or repairing the bridge, on the road leading from the residence of Raymond Day's to Thompson street, raise and appropriate money for same.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to authorize moving pictures on Sundays.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the necessary amount of money to pay insurance on town hall and school building.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to appoint a committee of the entire superintending school committee, the superintendent of schools as secretary ex-officio, the entire board of selectmen and one other member to be chosen by both boards, to discuss and plan with other nearby and interested towns, the

location and erection of an area high school and to report its findings and recommendations to the town at such time as the town may direct.

Art. 28. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of raising and correcting the list of voters at town hall in said Cornish, March 3, from 8.00 to 9.00 A. M. Hereof fail not, and have you there this warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands this first day of February, A. D. 1947.

ROLAND R. DAY,

RAYMOND B. BINSON,

CHARLES N. DRAPER,

Selectmen of Cornish.

# ASSESSORS' REPORT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Cornish:

Your assessors herewith submit for your consideration a statement of all financial transactions of the town for the fiscal year ending February 1, 1947.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount of resident real estate, | $241,310.00 | |
| Amount of non-resident real estate, | 56,715.00 | |
| Total amount of real estate, | | $298,025.00 |
| Amount of personal estate resident, | $30,904.00 | |
| Amount of personal estate non-resident, | 4,258.00 | |
| Total amount of personal estate, | | $35,162.00 |
| Total valuation of town, | | $333.187.00 |
| Total valuation of land, | $124,285.00 | |
| Total valuation of buildings, | 173,740.00 | |
| Gain in valuation from last year, | | $865.08 |
| $298,025.00 at .072, | $21,457.80 | |
| $35,162.00 at .072, | 2,531.66 | |
| 190 polls at $3.00, | 570.00 | |
| Total tax, | | $24,559.46 |

## ABSTRACT FROM ASSESSORS' REPORT TO STATE ASSESSORS

| | No. | Average Valuation | Total Valuation |
|---|---|---|---|
| Horses, | 66 | $50.22 | $3,315.00 |
| Steers, oxen, bulls and beef cattle over 18 months, | 75 | 42.80 | 3,210.00 |
| Milch cows, | 200 | 46.35 | 9,270.00 |
| Heifers over 2 yrs. old not yet freshened, | 40 | 36.50 | 1,460.00 |
| Heifers 18 months to 2 yrs old, | 19 | 34.21 | 650.00 |
| Domestic fowl over 50 in number, | 8,139 | .50 | 4,069.00 |

## EXEMPT LIVESTOCK

| | No. | Average Valuation | Total Valuation |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cattle 18 months and younger, | 77 | $10.00 | $770.00 |
| Swine, to the number of 10, | 22 | 10.00 | 220.00 |
| Domestic fowl to the number of 50, | 835 | .50 | 417.50 |

## OTHER PROPERTY

| | Total Valuation |
|---|---|
| Stock in trade, | $7,738.00 |
| Gasoline pumps and attachments, | 1,520.00 |
| Radios, 168, | 1,680.00 |
| Machinery and equipment, | 2,250.00 |

## APPROPRIATIONS ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

**March 4, 1946**

| | |
|---|---|
| For high school, | $5,000.00 |
| For common schools, | 3,700.00 |
| For industrial education, | 1,000.00 |
| For textbooks and supplies, | 450.00 |
| For repair of school buildings, | 600.00 |
| For support of poor, | |
| (Voted to appropriate excise tax) | |

| | |
|---|---|
| For repair of roads and bridges: | |
| North end, | 350.00 |
| South end, | 500.00 |
| For opening roads in winter, | 3,300.00 |
| For medical bills, | 100.00 |
| For contingent expenses, | 500.00 |
| For town officers and superintendent of school bills, | 1,200.00 |
| Collection and abatement of taxes, | 200.00 |
| Interest on temporary loan or loans, | 100.00 |
| Cornish and Kezar Falls Light & Power Co., | 250.00 |
| Cornish Library Association, | 100.00 |
| Memorial Day, | 75.00 |
| Public health nurse, | 100.00 |
| Cornish fire department, (also available $432.27 unexpended balance), | 100.00 |
| Cornish Water Company, | 700.00 |
| Cutting bushes, (voted $110.00 from surplus to match $60.00 from New England Tel. & Tel. Co., and $50.00 from Cornish and Kezar Falls Light & Power Co.) | |
| Maintenance State and State aid roads, | 1,255.20 |
| Maintenance improved sections, third class roads, | 428.00 |

(Voted to appropriate the sum of five hundred thirty-three dollars ($533.00) from surplus fund for State aid road construction in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges under the provisions of Section 19, Chapter 28, Revised Statutes of 1930 or under the provisions of Chapter 213, Public Laws 1941.)

(Voted to authorize the selectmen to make necessary repairs on roof of town hall, the money for same to be taken from unexpended balance.)

| | |
|---|---|
| (Voted to appropriate the sum of fifty dollars from surplus fund for repairs at the gymnasium.) | |
| To be expended on so-called pavilion road, | 50.00 |
| For work on Draper hill, | 500.00 |
| (Voted to authorize selectmen to appropriate necessary fund from balance of Town Hall Fund for insurance of town hall; also to appropriate necessary fund from general fund for insurance of school buildings.) | |
| (Voted to authorize the selectmen to pay the tuition of the Cornish students attending Fryeburg Academy taking occupational courses.) | |
| | $20,558.20 |

Attest: FLORENCE B. WATKINS,

Town Clerk.

## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount raised by town, | | $1,200.00 |

### ORDERS DRAWN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Walter F. Pulsifer, superintendent of schools, | $430.78 | |
| Ballot clerks, | 52.00 | |
| Special police, | 6.00 | |
| Florence Watkins, town clerk, | 50.00 | |
| Lester L. Norton, treasurer, | 150.00 | |
| Roland R. Day, selectman, | 300.00 | |
| Raymond B. Benson, selectman, | 150.00 | |
| Charles N. Draper, selectman, | 150.00 | |
| Total, | | $1,288.78 |
| Overdrawn, | | 88.78 |

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount raised by town, | | $500.00 |
| Printing, office supplies, | $196.62 | |
| Recording tax deeds and postage, | 39.09 | |
| Bonds and insurance, | 321.75 | |
| State auditor, | 159.67 | |
| Vital statistics, | 16.00 | |
| Legal services and oaths, | 50.70 | |
| Water tub, | 3.00 | |
| Posting town warrants, | 2.00 | |
| Total, | | $788.83 |
| Overdrawn, | | $288.83 |

## TOWN HALL ACCOUNTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance brought forward, | $ 523.61 | |
| Received from rent, | 1,246.00 | |
| Total, | | $1,769.61 |

### ORDERS DRAWN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Janitor and supplies, | $591.74 | |
| Fuel, | 189.00 | |
| Repairs, | 17.35 | |
| Insurance, | 350.48 | |
| Lights, | 66.98 | |
| Labor, | 9.00 | |
| Telephone, | .30 | |
| Total, | | $1,224.85 |
| Unexpended balance, | | $544.76 |

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount raised by town, | $100.00 |
| Unexpended balance of 1945, | 340.27 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount received for fires from towns of Hiram and Baldwin, | 120.00 | |
| Total, | | $560.27 |
| Orders drawn, | | 236.24 |
| Unexpended balance, | | $324.03 |

**CORNISH WATER CO.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount raised by town, | $700.00 |
| ORDERS DRAWN | |
| Cornish Water Co., | $700.00 |

**ELECTRIC LIGHTS**

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount raised by town, | $250.00 |
| Cornish and Kezar Falls Light & Power Co., | 250.00 |

**HEALTH NURSE**

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount raised by town, | $100.00 |
| ORDERS DRAWN | |
| Health nurse, | $100.00 |

**MEDICAL BILLS**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount raised by town, | $100.00 | |
| Received from city of Portland, | 25.00 | |
| | | $125.00 |
| Orders drawn, | | 54.76 |
| Unexpended balance, | | $70.24 |

**BONNEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount raised by town, | $100.00 | |
| Amount received from State, | 10.00 | |
| Orders drawn, | | $110.00 |

## MEMORIAL DAY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount raised by town, | | $75.00 |
| Orders drawn, | | $75.00 |

## HIGHWAY LOANS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance of Laura Bradeen note, | $1,232.98 | |
| Kezar Falls National Bank, | 533.00 | |
| Total, | | $1,765.98 |
| Orders drawn, | | $1,765.98 |

## TEMPORARY LOANS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Kezar Falls National Bank, | | $5,000.00 |

ORDERS DRAWN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Kezar Falls National Bank, | | $5,000.00 |

## INTEREST ON LOANS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount raised by town, | | $100.00 |

ORDERS DRAWN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Kezar Falls National Bank, | $59.85 | |
| Laura Bradeen, | 81.59 | |
| Total, | | $141.44 |
| Overdrawn, | | $41.44 |

## COUNTY TAX

| | |
|---|---|
| County tax, | $517.54 |
| Orders drawn, | $517.54 |

## STATE TAX

| | |
|---|---|
| State tax, | $2,814.99 |
| Orders drawn, | $2,814.99 |

## COLLECTION AND ABATEMENT OF TAXES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount raised by town, | | $200.00 |
| ORDERS DRAWN | | |
| Lester Norton, | | $252.00 |
| Overdrawn, | | $52.00 |

## POOR ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount received from excise tax, | | $780.05 |
| ORDERS DRAWN | | |
| Cornish Village Improvement Society share of excise tax, | $ 29.60 | |
| Ruby Kimball acct. of Walter Pugsley, Jr., | 145.27 | |
| Maude Sargent acct. of Hannah Cook, | 16.00 | |
| Acct. of Maude Lord, | 477.50 | |
| Acct. of Hallie Warren family, | 80.00 | |
| Acct. of Edith Sargent, | 142.00 | |
| Acct. of Almon Scribner, | 140.01 | |
| Total, | | $1,030.38 |
| Overdrawn, | | $250.33 |

## STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance due from 1945 town appropriation, | $ 73.88 | |
| Balance due from 1946 town appropriation, | 533.00 | |
| Amount due from State, 1945-46, | 2,132.00 | |
| Total, | | $2,738.88 |
| Orders drawn, | | 2,557.36 |
| Unexpended balance, | | $181.52 |

## STATE AID ROAD MAINTENANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount raised by town, | $1,255.20 |
| Orders drawn, | $1,203.90 |
| Unexpended balance, | $51.30 |

## MAINTENANCE OF UNIMPROVED ROAD

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount due from State, | $431.34 |
| Orders drawn, | 421.61 |
| Unexpended balance, | $9.73 |

## SPECIAL RESOLVE ROAD

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount due from State, | $300.00 |
| Orders drawn, | 439.97 |
| Overdrawn, | $139.97 |

## DRAPERS HILL

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount raised by town, | $500.00 |
| Orders drawn, | 454.74 |
| Unexpended balance, | $45.26 |

## PAVILION ROAD

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount raised by town, | $50.00 |
| Orders drawn, | 60.94 |
| Overdrawn, | $10.94 |

## WINTER BREAKING

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount raised by town, | $3,300.00 |
| Orders drawn, | 3,750.13 |
| Overdrawn, | $450.13 |

## ROADS AND BRIDGES,

### North End

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount raised by town, | $350.00 |
| Orders drawn, | 744.50 |
| Overdrawn, | $394.50 |

### South End

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount raised by town, | $500.00 |
| Orders drawn, | 643.63 |
| Overdrawn, | $43.63 |

## CUTTING BUSHES

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount taken from surplus, | $110.00 |
| Orders drawn, | 66.00 |
| Unexpended balance, | $44.00 |

## THIRD CLASS RECONSTRUCTION HIGHWAY

### Towles Hill Road

| | |
|---|---|
| Reconstruction contract price, 1944, | $3,500.00 |
| Balance brought forward, 1945, | 1,181.20 |
| Laura Bradeen note, 1945, | 2,318.80 |
| Amount raised by town, 1945, | 428.00 |
| Payment on Laura Bradeen note, 1946, | 1,085.82 |
| Amount raised by town, 1946, | 428.00 |
| Final payment on Laura Bradeen note, 1947, | 1,232.98 |
| Amount received from State, 1946, | 824.61 |
| Amount due from State, | 672.46 |

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## ASSETS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash in hands of treasurer, | $7,196.45 | |
| Smith pasture, | 25.00 | |
| Tax deeds held by town, | 194.86 | |
| Tax liens held by town, | 463.31 | |
| Due on commitment, 1936, | 26.85 | |
| Due on commitment, 1937, | 44.23 | |
| Due on commitment, 1938, | 40.89 | |
| Due on commitment, 1939, | 23.19 | |
| Due on commitment, 1940, | 41.21 | |
| Due on commitment, 1941, | 59.78 | |
| Due on commitment, 1942, | 84.88 | |
| Due on commitment, 1943, | 218.70 | |
| Due on commitment, 1944, | 404.75 | |
| Due on commitment, 1945, | 85.52 | |
| Due on commitment, 1946, | 1,133.02 | |
| Total, | | $10,042.64 |

ROLAND R. DAY,
RAYMOND B. BENSON,
CHARLES N. DRAPER.

# REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

I herein submit a brief report of service rendered the town of Cornish by the York County Tuberculosis and Health Association for the period beginning January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946.

During 1946, 153 students and adults were given tuberculin tests. Four had re-X-rays. Nine positive reactors will be X-rayed in February, 1947 at the State Diagnostic Clinic to be held in Sanford. Positive reactors are followed up by the nurse. They often lead to unknown cases of active tuberculosis that were the source of infection. Active TB found early is quickly cured. The funds received from the sale of the Tuberculosis Christmas Seals are helping to carry on the extensive work in case finding which is now in progress. The education of pupils and parents as to the importance of this dread disease, and the methods of its prevention, detection and cure is extremely valuable to the individual welfare of both children and adults. No case finding program in the schools would be complete without including all school personnel. Movie films on TB and Cancer control were shown to school faculty and students.

Various health education material, including facts about TB and good health practices have been given to the school.

Annual health inspections completed in all grades.

| | |
|---|---|
| No. pupils inspected, | 124 |
| No. pupils with no dental defects, | 39 |
| No. pupils with the following defects: | |
| Teeth (deciduous), | 38 |
| (permanent), | 42 |
| Throat, | 13 |
| Vision, | 9 |
| Evidence of Pediculi, | 5 |

Corrections made during the year:

| | |
|---|---|
| Teeth, | 35 |
| Throat, | 6 |
| Vision, | 8 |

Several special inspections in school because of skin and other communicable diseases.

Vision and hearing tests given to all school children. Fifty-one students in high school and grades 5, 6, 7 and 8, were given hearing tests with the Audiometer loaned to us by the Maine Public Health Association. Six students were found to have from 6% to 18% hearing loss. Recommendations for correction were advised.

Three immunization clinics were held in the school building in April, May and June.

Immunizing was done by Dr. Sawyer.

24 children were given smallpox vaccinations.
25 children were given diphtheria toxoid.
7 children had perdipigen (whooping cough vaccine and diptheria toxoid comb.)

Dr. Sawyer gave nose and throat examinations to all students with questionable throats.

Six recommendations for tonsil and adenoid operations.

Many home calls made regarding throat operations, vision and dental corrections for school children. Hospital and home nursing care and transportation given to several children who had T. & A. operations.

Sincere thanks to the Superintendant of Schools and Dr. Sawyer, Health Officer, also the teachers who have been very generous with their time and efforts in assisting with the health program. A word of appreciation to the town officers, local Red Cross, parents and students.

Respectfully submitted,

York County Tuberculosis & Health Assn.
By: NELLIE P. SAWYER, R. N.,
Public Health Nurse.

# REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Cornish:

I am pleased to submit for your consideration my annual report as superintendent of your schools.

We were very fortunate this year in being able to retain our teachers. Though working under the handicaps of two grades to a teacher our elementary teachers are constantly laboring to improve the educational offering to the future voters of our town. In last year's report the need for a reorganization in the high school section of our schools was called to your attention. The present arrangement calls for a teacher to be able to teach in three to four curriculum divisions with the result that our children do not get the quality of instruction which our teachers know they deserve. Our high school teachers are doing, and will continue to do, the best job they possibly can do under these handicaps. If we wish to improve these conditions, I believe that we must join with other nearby towns and pool our money and teaching resources in order to give our children the type of high school education that other Maine communities are giving theirs; otherwise the children of Cornish are handicapped when they compete in life's competition with those children who have graduated from the larger schools. In a recent survey of the five towns of this school union that border Cornish, I found that there were 333 children in grades 7-12 inclusive. Obviously a combined 6 year junior-senior high school of this size could provide the types and variety of courses of study which our children need. It also would make possible instruction under teachers who could teach in the field of their special abilities and training.

In view of the fact that empowering legislation is being considered by the legislature, I recommend that the people of Cornish give serious thought to appointing a committee authorized to work out, with other nearby and interested towns, a solution to this problem. This committee could then report its recommendations to the town for such action as the people of Cornish may wish to take.

Such a committee could not commit the town to this arrangement without approval by the townspeople in town meeting.

This war has shown us what is physically possible is financially possible. This area high school will become possible only when the people of the towns concerned become so desirous of improving these conditions that they are willing to work unceasingly for the construction of such a school.

Miss Villa E. Hayden, elementary supervisor of the State Department of Education, visited our schools and held profitable, individual conferences with each teacher concerning methods of improving the instructional methods used in elementary reading, music and art.

Improvements in the Home Economics room include an electric refrigerator for the preservation of food used in the lunch program and the foods program in the Home Economics course.

Under the direction of Mrs. Fessenden, the school lunch program continues to repeat its previous successes. Through the cooperation of the women of the Farm Bureau, one extra helper is made available each day. This gives the students and teachers more time for Home Economics.

Among the repairs needed for the coming year are: repair roof of the new annex and roof of the main building, inspection and repairs on the boilers, painting and puttying of the windows throughout the building as well as a complete painting of the exterior of the building.

In order that the repair program may be put on a rotating schedule and even the financial strain on the town, I recommend that serious consideration be given to starting a program of painting one room a year with a light-reflecting non-glare paint. This is based upon the recommendation of a lighting engineer from the Central Maine Power Company who recently made a free survey of the building.

The gymnasium needs further repairs. The floor is settling and is becoming loosened. The present condition suggests that some of the timbers are in need of replacement and repair and that an additional floor should be placed under the present top floor to provide additional thickness for a more secure nailing.

To meet the requirements of salary raises made to hold our teachers and the impending state legislation to raise teachers' salaries throughout the state, your superintending school committee requests the following appropriations for the coming year:

| | |
|---|---|
| Elementary schools, | $5,000.00 |
| High school and high school tuition, | 5,300.00 |
| Home economics, | 1,225.00 |
| Books and supplies, | 450.00 |
| Repairs, | 1,000.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER T. PULSIFER,

Superintendent of Schools.

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

### RESOURCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount unexpended last year, | $ 230.19 | |
| Amount raised by town, | 3,700.00 | |
| Amount received from State school fund, | 3,047.32 | |
| Amount received from State equalization fund, | 1,392.00 | |
| Amount received from W. Wadsworth, | 36.00 | |
| Amount received from town of Hiram, | 21.00 | |
| Amount received from Jessie Randall, | 29.45 | |
| | | $8,455.96 |

### EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid: | | |
| Teachers, | $4,778.00 | |
| Janitors, cleaning and supplies, | 547.30 | |
| Conveyance, | 2,399.00 | |
| Tuition, | 36.00 | |
| Fuel, | 272.36 | |
| Lights and water, | 52.99 | |
| | | $8,085.65 |
| Amount unexpended this year, | | 370.31 |
| | | $8,455.96 |

## CORNISH HIGH SCHOOL

### RESOURCES

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount unexpended last year, | $ 372.97 |
| Amount raised by town, | 5,000.00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount received from State equalization fund, | 550.00 | |
| Amount received from town of Hiram, | 140.00 | |
| Amount received from Clarence Lord, | 23.10 | |
| | | $6,086.07 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid: | | |
| Teachers, | $4,513.70 | |
| Janitor, cleaning and supplies, | 547.26 | |
| Fuel, | 272.36 | |
| Lights and water, | 53.00 | |
| Tuition, | 186.25 | |
| | | $5,572.57 |
| Amount unexpended this year, | | 513.50 |
| | | $6,086.07 |

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

RESOURCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount unexpended last year, | $ 25.20 | |
| Amount raised by town, | 450.00 | |
| Amount received from State school fund, | 450.00 | |
| Amount received from town of Sebago (spellers), | 3.36 | |
| Amount received from Houghton, Mifflin, (refund), | 7.50 | |
| Amount received from Elinor Fessenden, (rent of typewriter), | 5.00 | |
| | | $941.06 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid: | | |
| For books and supplies, | $678.38 | |
| For high school laboratory, | 34.85 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For high school library, | 187.86 | |
| | | $901.09 |
| Amount unexpended this year, | | 39.97 |
| | | $941.16 |

## REPAIRS

RESOURCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Overdraft, 1945, | $149.35 | |
| Amount raised by town, | 600.00 | |
| Amount received from Clarence Lord, | 5.00 | |
| Amount received from A. A. telephone calls, | 3.25 | |
| | | $413.90 |
| Overdraft to balance, | | 12.27 |
| | | $426.17 |

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid: | $426.17 |

## HOME ECONOMICS

RESOURCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Overdraft, 1945, | $ 232.90 | |
| Amount raised by town, | 1,000.00 | |
| Amount received from State home economics, | 583.33 | |
| | | $1,350.43 |
| Overdraft to balance, | | 123.40 |
| | | $1,473.83 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid: | | |
| Elinor Fessenden, teacher, | $1,377.63 | |
| For supplies, | 54.60 | |
| Repair of sewing machines, | 41.60 | |
| | | $1,473.83 |

# AUDITOR'S REPORT

December 9, 1946

Board of Selectmen, Cornish, Maine.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944 and at your request, the records of the Town of Cornish have been audited by Auditor F. A. Reichel for the period February 11, 1945 to February 8, 1946 inclusive.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable in the circumstances and included all procedures which were considered necessary. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the town appear to have been appropriately handled.

Exhibits and schedules incorporated in this report impartially present the financial position of the town and the result of its operations for the period designated. Recommendations have been made which, we believe, are worthy of your consideration.

Comments and other data incorporated in this report may prove of interest to you. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

FRED M. BERRY,

State Auditor.

The complete report of the audit, as required by Chapter 80, Section 119, Revised Statutes of 1944, and amended by Chapter 84, Public Laws of 1945, is on file in the office of the Selectmen.

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

**Total Charged to Collector**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Tax commitment, | $24,558.74 | |
| Supplemental tax, | 66.72 | |
| | | $24,625.46 |

**Credits to Collector**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash to treasurer, | $23,451.52 | |
| Abatements, | 40.92 | |
| | | $23,492.44 |
| Uncollected 1946 taxes as listed, | | $1,133.02 |

## UNCOLLECTED 1946 TAXES

| | Poll taxes | Real estate | Personal | total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Burnell, Milton, | $3.00 | | | $ 3.00 |
| Carr, Hearn, | | $129.60 | $16.92 | 146.52 |
| Day, Fred, | | 12.60 | | 12.60 |
| Day, Arthur, | 3.00 | | | 3.00 |
| Day, Carroll F., | 3,00 | | .72 | 3.72 |
| Edgecomb, Jessie, | | 72.00 | .72 | 72.72 |
| Jones, Raymond, | | 16.20 | 4.32 | 20.52 |
| Lord, Annie M., | | 79.20 | | 79.20 |
| Martin, William, | 3.00 | | | 3.00 |
| Miller, Bert, | 3.00 | 10.80 | | 13.80 |
| Martin, Fred, Jr., | 3.00 | | | 3.00 |
| Rankin, Arthur, | 3.00 | 5.40 | .72 | 9.12 |
| Sargent, Raymond, | 3.00 | 10.80 | .72 | 14.52 |
| Sargent, Harry L., | 3.00 | | | 3.00 |
| Sargent, Owen, | 3.00 | 5.40 | .72 | 9.12 |
| Sargent, Walter L., | 3.00 | 7.20 | .72 | 10.92 |
| Sargent, Maude, | | | .72 | .72 |
| Sawyer, Harry, | | 32.40 | 12.00 | 44.40 |
| Seelye, John B. & J. M., | | 378.00 | | 378.00 |
| Stone, Lester, | | 48.94 | | 48.94 |
| Wales, Alphonso, heirs of, | | 36.00 | | 36.00 |
| Warren, Preston, | 3.00 | | | 3.00 |
| Woods, George, | | 5.40 | | 5.40 |
| Bellevance, Ambrose, | | 28.80 | | 28.80 |
| Brown, Timothy, heirs of, | | 108.00 | | 108.00 |
| Burgess, Hazel, heirs of, | | 10.80 | | 10.80 |
| Fogg, Charles, | | 12.60 | | 12.60 |
| Harmon, Judson, | | 28.80 | | 28.80 |
| Harris, Sarah, Mrs., | | 3.60 | | 3.60 |
| McDonald, William, | | | 3.60 | 3.60 |
| Smith, Edgar, heirs of, | | 7.20 | | 7.20 |
| Watson, Malcolm, | | 5.40 | | 5.40 |
| | $36.00 | $1,055.14 | $41.88 | $1,133.02 |

Tax liens could not be legally taken at this time. The tax lien procedure will be used on all unpaid real estate listed above, as of February 1, 1947, on or about April 1, 1947.

## ABATEMENTS

### 1946

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Brooks, Allyn V., poll, error, | $3.00 | |
| Cousins, Robert, poll, paid in Hiram, | 3.00 | |
| Davis, Percy, personal, left town, | .72 | |
| Foss, Carl, personal, no radio, | .72 | |
| Harrington, Jack, poll, over 70, | 3.00 | |
| Heald, Loyd, poll, error, | 3.00 | |
| Jenness, John, personal, no radio, | .72 | |
| Leonhart, Ernest, real estate, exempt, | 3.60 | |
| Lord, Clarence, poll and personal, exempt, | 8.76 | |
| Parker, Morton, poll, paid in Portland, | 3.00 | |
| Rounds, Edwin, poll, paid in Baldwin, | 3.00 | |
| Warren, Roy, Jr., poll, paid in Parsonsfield, | 3.00 | |
| Nee, Bridget, real estate, error, | 5.40 | |
| Total, | | $40.92 |

### 1945

| | |
|---|---|
| Webb, Walter, poll, deceased, | $3.00 |

### 1944

| | |
|---|---|
| Miles, L. W., poll and personal, left town, | $3.64 |

### 1943

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sargent, Roland, poll, pauper, | $3.00 | |
| Smith, Robert, personal, error, | 3.00 | |
| Wentworth, Walter, personal, error, | 3.00 | |
| Total, | | $9.00 |

## EXCISE TAX

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Collected, 1946, | $521.88 | |
| Collected, 1947, | 258.17 | |
| | | $780.05 |
| Cash paid treasurer, | | $780.05 |

## UNCOLLECTED TAXES, PREVIOUS YEARS

| | |
|---|---|
| 1945, | $ 85.52 |
| 1944, | 404.75 |
| 1943, | 218.70 |
| 1942, | 84.88 |
| 1941, | 59.78 |
| 1940, | 41.21 |
| 1939, | 23.19 |
| 1938, | 40.89 |
| 1937, | 44.23 |
| 1936, | 26.85 |
| Cash paid treasurer: | |
| 1945, | $778.37 |
| 1944, | 5.57 |
| 1943, | 196.87 |
| 1942, | 52.07 |
| 1941, | 3.00 |
| 1940, | 2.55 |
| 1939, | .44 |
| 1938, | 3.00 |
| 1937, | 4.53 |
| 1936, | 13.00 |

## TAX DEEDS

| | |
|---|---|
| To 1941, | $194.86 |
| Cash paid treasurer: | |
| 1939, | $108.90 |
| 1938, | 55.71 |
| 1937, | 21.48 |

### TAX LIENS

| | |
|---|---|
| 1941 to date, | $463.31 |
| Cash paid treasurer: | |
| 1945, | $251.42 |
| 1944, | 227.65 |
| 1941, | 57.50 |
| 1940, | 52.00 |
| 1939, | 3.15 |

Respectfully submitted,

LESTER L. NORTON, Collector.

## REPORT OF TREASURER

**Year Ending February 1, 1947**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand, February 9, 1946, | $ 7,363.50 | |
| Total receipts, | 42,682.05 | |
| Total available, | | $50,045.55 |
| Total warrants paid, | $42,897.55 | |
| Cash balance, February 1, 1947, | 7,148.00 | |
| | | $50,045.55 |

### TABULATION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS

| | |
|---|---|
| Lester L. Norton, collector: | |
| Excise tax, 1946-1947, | $ 780.05 |
| Commitment, 1946, | 23,384.80 |
| Commitment, 1945, | 778.37 |
| Commitment, 1944, | 5.57 |
| Commitment, 1943, | 196.87 |
| Commitment, 1942, | 52.07 |
| Commitment, 1941, | 3.00 |
| Commitment, 1940, | 2.55 |
| Commitment, 1939, | .44 |
| Commitment, 1938, | 3.00 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Commitment, 1937, | 4.53 |
| Commitment, 1936, | 13.00 |
| Abatements, 1946, | 40.92 |
| Abatements, 1945, | 3.00 |
| Abatements, 1944, | 3.64 |
| Abatements, 1943, | 9.00 |
| Supplemental tax, 1946, | 66.72 |
| Supplemental tax, 1945, | 9.00 |

Licenses:

| | |
|---|---|
| Sumner Kerr, pool, | 5.00 |

School tuition and supplies:

| | |
|---|---|
| Town of Hiram, common school, | 21.00 |
| Town of Hiram, high school, | 140.00 |
| Town of Sebago, books, | 3.36 |
| J. W. Wadsworth, common school, | 36.00 |
| Houghton-Mifflin Co., overpayment, books, | 7.50 |
| Clarence Lord, oil stove, | 5.00 |
| Clarence Lord, coal, | 23.10 |

Temporary loans:

| | |
|---|---|
| Kezar Falls National Bank, | 5,000.00 |

Rent town property:

| | |
|---|---|
| Roland R. Day, rent P. M. Hall, | 1,246.00 |

State treasurer:

| | |
|---|---|
| 1945-1946, highway State apportionment, | 337.35 |
| 1944 balance State apportionment, | 400.00 |
| Snow removal, | 59.70 |
| Bank stock tax, | 74.87 |
| State library stipend, | 10.00 |
| Road improvement, | 421.61 |
| Industrial education, | 583.33 |
| Equalization fund, | 1,942.00 |
| State school fund, | 3,497.32 |
| Highway, State aid, | 1,731.88 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Highway, special resolve, | 300.00 |
| Highway, overpayment, | 56.90 |
| R. R. & Tel. tax, | 33.88 |

Sale of town property:

| | |
|---|---|
| A. F. Clark acct. "Pendexter lot", | 10.00 |
| John Harmon acct. Elroy Whitney, | 7.20 |
| Roland R. Day acct. Weston Huntress, | 167.57 |
| Charles Draper acct. Rupert Lord, | 54.30 |
| Walter Pugsley and Hallie Parker acct. Greenleaf Pugsley, | 11.67 |

Tax liens:

| | |
|---|---|
| Arthur Brookings, 1941, | 10.50 |
| Horatio Emmons, 1941, Lester Graffam, | 22.50 |
| Hallie Parker, 1941, Greenleaf Pugsley, | 24.50 |
| Hallie Parker, 1940, Greenleaf Pugsley, | 22.75 |
| Charles Draper, 1940, Rupert Lord, | 29.25 |
| Warren Bailey, 1939, | 3.15 |
| Herbert Brown, 1944, Timothy Brown, heirs, | 73.65 |
| Gordon Day, 1944, | 28.80 |
| John Harmon, 1944, Elroy Whitney, | 6.40 |
| Mrs. Elias Smith, 1944, Elias Smith, est., | 22.80 |
| Roy J. Weeks, 1944, | 1.60 |
| Annie Lord, 1944, | 70.40 |
| Walter Pugsley, 1944, Greenleaf Pugsley, | 24.00 |
| Walter Pugsley, 1945, Greenleaf Pugsley, | 25.13 |
| Roy J. Weeks, 1945, | 1.68 |
| H. O. Nickerson, 1945, | 53.75 |
| Raymond Jones, 1945, | 11.73 |
| Edgar Smith, 1945, | 6.70 |
| Hallie Parker, 1945, | 6.70 |
| Norman Watson, 1945, | 139.03 |
| John Harmon, 1945, Elroy Whitney, | 6.70 |
| Charges, tax liens, | 37.50 |
| Interest, tax liens, | 12.42 |

Tax deeds:

| | |
|---|---|
| Harold Berry, 1939, | 59.03 |
| Hallie Parker, 1937, | 5.40 |
| Hallie Parker, 1938, | 6.90 |
| Hallie Parker, 1939, Greenleaf Pugsley, | 17.38 |
| Roland R. Day, 1937, Weston Huntress, | 16.08 |
| Roland R. Day, 1938, Weston Huntress, | 16.35 |
| Charles Draper, 1938, Rupert Lord, | 32.46 |
| Charles Draper, 1939, Rupert Lord, | 32.49 |

Fire department:

| | |
|---|---|
| Town of Hiram, 1945, | 55.00 |
| Town of Hiram, 1946, | 5.00 |
| Town of Baldwin, 1945, | 37.00 |
| Town of Baldwin, 1946, | 8.00 |
| Town of Baldwin, Chas. Haley fire, | 15.00 |

Miscellaneous:

| | |
|---|---|
| Frank S. Piper, insurance dividend, | 11.85 |
| Town of Porter, tar, 3rd class highway, | 55.00 |
| Cornish high school, toll calls, | 2.35 |
| Jessie Randall, school, T. R. F., | 29.55 |
| Elinor Fessenden, rent typewriter, | 5.00 |
| Silas West, medical bills, Maggie Proctor, | 20.00 |
| City of Portland, medical bills, Lucy Harrington, | 25.00 |
| Chase Transfer Corp., duplicate payment, | 42.50 |
| | $42,682.05 |

Respectfully submitted,

LESTER L. NORTON,

Treasurer.

# Annual Report

of the

# Municipal Officers

of the

TOWN OF

# CORNISH

MAINE

For the Fiscal Year ending

FEBRUARY 7, 1948

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

# TOWN OF CORNISH

# MAINE

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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 7

1948

**NOTICE**

This report is submitted subject to an audit by a qualified public accountant, in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 216, Public Laws of Maine, 1937.

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*Chester V. Small, Printing, Cornish, Maine*

# TOWN OFFICERS

**Town Clerk**

FLORENCE B. WATKINS

**Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor**

ROYDEN L. PEASE ROBERT T. RANDALL
ALBERT E. DAY

**Treasurer**

CLIFTON E. WHITNEY

**Tax Collector**

LESTER L. NORTON

**School Committee**

CHARLES E. BRADEEN HOWARD OUTHUSE
DR. A. DiBIASO

**Superintendent of Schools**

WALTER T. PULSIFER

**Road Commissioner**

CARL DAY

**Constables**

K. C. WARREN LESTER L. NORTON

**Fire Ward**

MERLON JOHNSON

**Board of Health**

DR. A. DiBIASO J. RAY BRADEEN
LAWRENCE THOMPSON

# WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

To Lester L. Norton, a Constable, of the Town of Cornish, in the County of York.

GREETINGS:

You are requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Cornish, in said County, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Pike Memorial Hall, in said town, on Monday, the first day of March, A. D. 1948, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Polls for the election of officers under Chapter 5, Section 40, Revised Statutes, will open at nine o'clock in the forenoon and remain open for four hours.

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for:

High school.
Common schools.
Industrial education.
Text books and supplies.
Repair of school buildings.

Art. 4. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for salary of Superintendent of Schools for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of poor.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for:

| | |
|---|---|
| Repair of roads and bridges. | |
| Recommendation: | |
| North end, | $600.00 |
| South end, | 500.00 |
| Opening roads in winter. | |
| Recommendation, | $4,000.00 |
| Medical bills. | |
| Recommendation, | $100.00 |
| Contingent expenses. | |
| Recommendation, | $700.00 |
| Town officers bills. | |
| Recommendation, | $750.00 |
| Collection and abatement of taxes. | |
| Recommendation, | $200.00 |

Art. 4a. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen and treasurer to procure a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying obligations of the town; such loan or loans to be paid during the current municipal year out of money raised during said current year by tax.

Art. 5a. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for interest on temporary loan or loans.

Recommendation, $100.00

Art. 6a. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00) for street lights.

Art. 7. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate to procure from Cornish Library Association the free use of its books for all inhabitants of said town, agreeable to the laws of the State of Maine.

Art. 8. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for observance of Memorial Day and how same shall be expended.

Art. 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars ($100.00) for the York County Tuberculosis and Health Service.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to authorize Sunday sports.

Art. 11. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote and appropriate for maintenance of fire department.

Art. 12. To see what per cent the town will vote to pay the tax collector for the collection of taxes.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred dollars ($700.00) to pay the Cornish Water Company for rental of hydrants.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty ($50.00) to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5, Section 82, of the Revised Statutes of Maine.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer to deduct an amount not exceeding thirty-three and one-third per cent of the amount of each order drawn by said town in favor of each resident and non-resident taxpayer of said town and apply same to the payment of tax, both current and past, except taxes on real estate for prior years due said town from said taxpayer until tax is fully paid.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars ($300.00) to cooperate with the Maine Forest Service and the Federal Government in control of the White Pine Blister Rust in accordance with Revised Statutes, Chapter 32, Sections 53-58.

Art. 17. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to sell any or all the tax liens or deeds held by the town, which in their judgment is for the best interest of the town and to execute quitclaim deeds for such property.

Art. 18. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of State and State aid roads.

Recommendation, $1,265.00

Art. 19. To see what sum, if any, the town will raise and appropriate for cutting bushes on town roads.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to close the road from the Walter Perkins residence to the school house to one way traffic during the school year.

Art. 21. To see what action, if any, the town will vote to take toward repairing Archie Jaques truck damaged during the fire, and raise and appropriate money for same.

Art. 22. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for State aid road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways, and bridges) under the provisions of Sections 25 and 29, Chapter 20, Revised Statutes as amended.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to pay State aid road loans, as authorized and appropriated by special town meeting, 1947, together with interest.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise money for loans and interest for school gymnasium repair as authorized and appropriated at special town meeting, 1947.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to raise money for loans and interest for school textbooks as authorized and appropriated at special town meeting.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to raise money for loans and interest for fire equipment as authorized and appropriated at special town meeting.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to insure the gymnasium and if so to raise and appropriate money for same.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for insurance premiums on policies that expire during the ensuing year.

Art. 29. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the above named hall and place of meeting on Monday, the day of said meeting, for the purpose of correcting the lists of voters, from 8 o'clock in the forenoon until the polls are closed.

Given under our hands this 7th day of February, A. D. 1948.

ROYDEN L. PEASE,
ROBERT T. RANDALL,
ALBERT E. DAY,
Selectmen of Cornish.

# ASSESSORS' REPORT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Valuation, Town of Cornish, 1947 | | |
| Real estate, resident, | $241,210.00 | |
| Real estate, non-resident, | 54,965.00 | |
| | | $296,175.00 |
| Personal estate, resident, | $33,450.00 | |
| Personal estate, non-resident | 19,225.00 | |
| | | 52,675.00 |
| Total valuation of town, | | $348,850.00 |
| $348,850.00 at .080 | $27,980.00 | |
| 204 polls at $3.00 | 612.00 | |
| Total assessment | | $28,520.00 |
| Total appropriations | | 27,533.70 |
| Overlay | | $986.30 |

## APPROPRIATIONS TOWN MEETING

### March 8, 1947

| | |
|---|---|
| For high school, | $5,300.00 |
| For common schools, | 5,000.00 |
| For industrial education, | 1,225.00 |
| For textbooks and supplies, | 450.00 |
| For repair of school buildings, | 1,000.00 |
| For support of poor (excise tax) | |
| For repair of roads and bridges, N. E., | 500.00 |
| For repair of roads and bridges, S. E., | 500.00 |
| For opening roads in winter, | 3,300.00 |
| For medical bills, | 100.00 |
| For contingent expenses, | 700.00 |
| For superintendent of schools salary, | 430.78 |
| For town officers' bills, | 750.00 |
| For collection and abatement of taxes, | 200.00 |
| Interest on temporary loans, | 100.00 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Repairs on gymnasium for recent damage, | 280.92 |
| Repairs on gymnasium, | 258.00 |
| Cornish Library Association, | 100.00 |
| Memorial Day, | 75.00 |
| Cornish and Kezar Falls Light and Power Co., | 250.00 |
| York County Tuberculosis Association, | 100.00 |
| Cornish fire department ($324.03 surplus) | |
| For collection and abatement of taxes (½ of 1%) | |
| Cornish Water Co., | 700.00 |
| Maintenance of State and State Aid roads, | 1,255.20 |
| State Aid road construction, | 533.00 |
| Cutting bushes on town roads, | 25.00 |
| Maine Publicity Bureau, | 50.00 |
| Repairing bridge on Raymond Day road, | 100.00 |
| To pay insurance on high school ($118.50 from surplus) | |
| For town lot in Riverside Cemetery, | 50.00 |
| To resurface Cross Street ($150.00 from surplus) | |
| To resurface road from High Street to school building, | 150.00 |
| Maintenance of third class road, | 428.00 |
| | $23,910.90 |

## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

Appropriation, $750.00

### ORDERS DRAWN

| | |
|---|---|
| Dorothy Woodsome, ballot clerk, | $ 4.00 |
| C. E. Cahill, special police, | 45.00 |
| Hearn P. Carr, special police, | 42.00 |
| Elmer A. Fowler, special police, | 7.00 |
| A. F. Kilburn, special police, | 24.00 |
| Althea Kilburn, ballot clerk, | 4.00 |
| Orman Hartford, special police, | 49.00 |
| Clifton E. Whitney, treasurer, | 150.00 |
| Robert T. Randall, selectman, | 150.00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Royden L. Pease, selectman, | 300.00 | |
| Albert E. Day, selectman, | 150.00 | |
| Florence B. Watkins, town clerk, | 50.00 | |
| | | $975.00 |
| Overdrawn, | | $225.00 |

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriations, | $700.00 | |
| Insurance dividend, Geo. Fitch Agency, | 19.00 | |
| Pool license, | 10.00 | |
| Bank stock tax, State of Maine, | 73.66 | |
| R. R. and Tel. tax, State of Maine, | 34.39 | |
| Lester L. Norton, | 50.00 | |
| | | $887.05 |

### ORDERS DRAWN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mark's Printing House, supplies, | $ 42.00 | |
| Clifton E. Whitney, supplies, | 24.57 | |
| Maine Municipal Association, | 30.00 | |
| Fred B. Pike Agency, bonds, | 45.00 | |
| U. S. Auto and Truck Guide, | 4.50 | |
| Chester V. Small, printing, | 149.25 | |
| Department of Audit, | 233.99 | |
| Lester L. Norton, supplies, posting warrants, | 26.72 | |
| John G. Smith, recording deeds, | 8.68 | |
| Roland Day, telephone calls, | 2.00 | |
| Royden L. Pease, postage, telephone calls, | 9.70 | |
| Alfreda Pendexter, water tub, | 3.00 | |
| Lester L. Norton, cash advanced for making change, | 50.00 | |
| Florence B. Watkins, | 32.98 | |
| George Weeks, refund 1946 poll tax, | 3.00 | |
| | | $665.39 |
| Balance, | | $221.66 |

## COLLECTION AND ABATEMENT OF TAXES

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation, | $200.00 |

ORDERS DRAWN

| | |
|---|---|
| Lester L. Norton, | $164.20 |
| Balance, | $35.80 |

## CUTTING BUSHES ON TOWN ROAD

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation, | $25.00 |

ORDERS DRAWN

| | |
|---|---|
| Payroll No. 1, | $10.50 |
| Balance, | $14.50 |

## MAINTENANCE OF IMPROVED SECTIONS OF THIRD CLASS ROADS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance, | | $728.75 |
| Appropriation, | | 428.00 |
| | | $1,156.75 |

ORDERS DRAWN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Payroll No. 1, | $190.11 | |
| New England Metal Culvert Co., culverts, | 115.78 | |
| John Kelly, moving bulldozer, | 20.00 | |
| | | $325.89 |
| Balance, | | $830.66 |

## TOWN LOT IN RIVERSIDE CEMETERY

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation, | $50.00 |
| No orders drawn. | |
| Balance, | $50.00 |

## INTEREST ON TEMPORARY LOANS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | $100.00 |
| ORDERS DRAWN | | |
| Kezar Falls National Bank, | $132.50 | |
| Laura Bradeen, | 24.00 | |
| | | $156.50 |
| Overdrawn, | | $56.50 |

## SAND SPREADER

| | |
|---|---|
| From surplus, | $205.00 |

## BRIDGE ON RAYMOND DAY ROAD

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | $100.00 |
| ORDERS DRAWN | | |
| James Seelye, plank, | $55.00 | |
| Bert Day, stringers, | 30.00 | |
| Payroll No. 1, labor, | 48.00 | |
| | | $133.00 |
| Overdrawn, | | $33.00 |

## MAINTENANCE OF STATE AND STATE AID ROADS

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriations, | $1,255.20 |
| ORDERS DRAWN | |
| State of Maine, | $1,215.50 |
| Balance, | $39.70 |

## WINTER ROADS

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation, | $3,300.00 |
| Received from State of Maine, | 59.70 |
| | $3,359.70 |

ORDERS DRAWN

| | |
|---|---|
| Winter sanding payrolls, | $ 779.35 |
| Frank W. Lord, contract, | 2,450.00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sand, | 35.70 | |
| W. H. Shurtleff, salt, | 11.60 | |
| Meserves Express, express, | 1.23 | |
| | | $3,377.88 |
| Overdrawn, | | $18.18 |

**TO RESURFACE CROSS STREET**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| From surplus, | | $150.00 |
| Payroll No. 1, | $59.20 | |
| Payroll No. 2, | 4.00 | |
| | | $63.20 |
| Balance, | | $86.80 |

**SCHOOL STREET**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | $150.00 |
| ORDERS DRAWN | | |
| Payroll No. 1, | $59.20 | |
| Payroll No. 2, | 20.50 | |
| | | $79.70 |
| Balance, | | $70.30 |

**TOWN ROADS, N. E.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | $500.00 |
| ORDERS DRAWN | | |
| Labor, Payroll No. 1, | $117.50 | |
| Portland Co., repair road machine, | 3.50 | |
| Labor, Payroll No. 2, | 142.50 | |
| Labor, Payroll No. 3, | 129.25 | |
| Labor, Payroll No. 4, | 40.00 | |
| Gravel for town roads, | 5.20 | |
| Gravel for town improvement fund, road, | 121.70 | |
| Bridge stringers, | 4.00 | |
| | | $563.65 |
| Overdrawn, | | $63.65 |

## TOWN ROADS, S. E.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | $500.00 |

ORDERS DRAWN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Payroll No. 1, | $164.75 | |
| Portland Co., repair road machine, | 3.45 | |
| Payroll No. 1, | 210.00 | |
| Payroll No. 2, | 119.75 | |
| Payroll No. 3, | 39.00 | |
| Gravel, town roads, | 6.60 | |
| Gravel, special resolve road, | 27.00 | |
| | | $570.55 |
| Overdrawn, | | $70.55 |

## STATE TAX

| | |
|---|---|
| State Tax, | $2,945.40 |
| Order drawn, | $2,945.40 |

## COUNTY TAX

| | |
|---|---|
| County Tax, | $677.40 |
| Orders drawn, | $677.40 |

## STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | $ 533.00 | |
| Balance, | 181.52 | |
| Apportioned by State, | 1,599.00 | |
| Authorized loan by special town meeting, | 2,665.50 | |
| | | $4,979.02 |

ORDERS DRAWN

| | |
|---|---|
| Bernard Day, land damage, | $ 50.00 |
| Payroll No. 1, | 496.33 |
| Payroll No. 2, | 209.32 |
| Payroll No. 3, | 779.57 |
| Payroll No. 4, | 859.28 |
| Payroll No. 5, | 248.50 |
| Culvert, New England Metal Culvert Company, | 285.93 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| State of Maine, shovel, | 863.15 | |
| Horatio Emmons, gravel, | 157.43 | |
| Mrs. Walter Sawyer, gravel, | 32.00 | |
| | | $3,981.51 |
| Balance (for tar), | | $997.41 |

## POOR ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Received from excise tax, | | $1,417.66 |
| ORDERS DRAWN | | |
| Acct. of Hannah Cook, | $ 60.68 | |
| Acct. of Maude Lord, | 797.00 | |
| Acct. of Walter Pugsley, Jr., | 167.96 | |
| Acct. of Almon Scribner, | 165.04 | |
| Acct. of Edith Sargent, | 414.59 | |
| Acct. of Anne Warren, | 20.00 | |
| Acct. of Jennie Jewell, | 10.00 | |
| Acct. of Mrs. Frank Hayes, | 21.86 | |
| | | $1,657.13 |
| Overdrawn, | | $239.47 |

## BRACKETT ACCOUNT

| | |
|---|---|
| Orders drawn, | $788.13 |
| Received from Town of Gorham, | $788.13 |

## MEDICAL BILLS

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation, | $100.00 |
| Dr. A. DiBiaso, | $75.00 |
| Balance, | $25.00 |

## TOWN HALL ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance from 1946, | $ 544.76 | |
| Received from rent, | 1,072.00 | |
| | | $1,616.76 |
| ORDERS DRAWN | | |
| Janitor and supplies, | $544.94 | |
| Fuel, | 164.50 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lights, | 56.02 | |
| Telephone, | 33.25 | |
| Insurance, | 29.52 | |
| | | $739.23 |
| Balance, | | $877.53 |

## CORNISH WATER CO.

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation, | $700.00 |
| ORDERS DRAWN | |
| Cornish Water Co., | $700.00 |

## STREET LIGHTS

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation, | $250.00 |
| ORDERS DRAWN | |
| Cornish and Kezar Falls Light and Power Co., | $250.00 |

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| From surplus, | $324.03 | |
| From Baldwin, | 33.00 | |
| From Hiram, | 65.00 | |
| From Diamond Match Co., | 180.00 | |
| From Clifford Dow, | 9.38 | |
| | | $ 611.41 |
| Telephone, | $ 68.39 | |
| Labor, | 651.77 | |
| Express, | .31 | |
| Equipment, | 1,007.00 | |
| Supplies, | 394.82 | |
| Repairs, | 96.60 | |
| Board of truck drivers, | 71.50 | |
| | | $2,290.39 |
| Overdrawn, | | $1,678.98 |
| Due from State Forest Department, | | $130.50 |
| Due from Town of Hiram, | | $87.00 |

## MEMORIAL DAY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | $75.00 |
| ORDERS DRAWN | | |
| American Legion, | | $84.34 |
| Overdrawn, | | $9.34 |

## STATE OF MAINE PUBLICITY BUREAU

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | $50.00 |
| ORDERS DRAWN | | |
| State of Maine Publicity Bureau, | | $50.00 |

## CORNISH LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | $100.00 | |
| Received from State, | 10.00 | |
| | | $110.00 |
| ORDERS DRAWN | | |
| Cornish Library Association, | | $110.00 |

## YORK COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS AND HEALTH SERVICE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | $100.00 |
| ORDERS DRAWN | | |
| Arthur Lougee, | | $100.00 |

## FIRE EQUIPMENT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation (special town meeting), | | $431.00 |
| ORDERS DRAWN | | |
| Mrs. Pillsbury, | $270.00 | |
| Fire Protection Company, | 125.00 | |
| Archie Jacques, | 36.00 | |
| | | $431.00 |

## INSURANCE, HIGH SCHOOL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| From surplus, | | $118.50 |

ORDERS DRAWN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Frank S. Piper, | | $118.50 |

## SUPERINTENDENT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | $430.78 |

ORDERS DRAWN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Walter T. Pulsifer, | | $193.63 |
| Balance, | | $237.15 |

## EXCISE TAX

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Received from Lester L. Norton, | $1,483.99 | |
| Village Corporation share, | 66.33 | |
| Balance, | | $1,417.66 |

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Resources

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash in hands of treasurer, | $6,215.50 | |
| Tax liens, 1946, | 579.94 | |
| Tax liens, 1945, | 203.31 | |
| Tax liens, 1944, | 46.40 | |
| Tax liens, 1941, | 77.89 | |
| Tax liens, 1940, | 39.01 | |
| Tax deeds held by town, | 194.86 | |
| Due on commitment, 1947, | 2,766.20 | |
| Due on commitment, 1946, | 42.36 | |
| Due on commitment prior to 1946, | 1,021.20 | |
| Total, | | $11,186.67 |

## Liabilities

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Kezar Falls National Bank note, (special town meeting): | | |
| Textbooks, | $ 500.00 | |
| Gymnasium, | 1,902.93 | |
| State aid road, | 2,666.50 | |
| J. Ray Bradeen note: | | |
| Fire equipment, | 431.00 | |
| Total, | | $5,500.43 |

# REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

I herein submit a brief report of service rendered the town of Cornish by the York County Tuberculosis and Health Association for the period beginning January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947.

With Tuberculosis Prevention and case finding being an important part of our Health Program, we cooperated with the State Bureau of Health and Welfare in conducting a county Tuberculosis survey. 134 pupils were given Tuberculin Patch tests. 10 reactors found. The reactors and all school personnel had chest x-rays at the State Diagnostic Clinics held in Sanford and Biddeford.

The clinic cases recommended for re-x-rays every two, three to six months were taken to Hebron Sanatorium for x-rays and physical examinations were made by Dr. Adams.

The control of Tuberculosis has three major objectives:

Isolation of active cases

Finding early infection

Rehabilitation of arrested cases

Movie films, "Mass Radiography" and "They Do Come Back" were shown to all students and teachers. A number of posters and pamphlets on Health Education were distributed to the school.

The School Health program has been carried on throughout the year. The annual weighing and measuring all pupils, the Snellen test for vision, for hearing—the whisper test used in testing first four grades, and Audiometer tests for upper grades and High School. General inspection includes careful examination of teeth, throat, skin, hair, posture and special attention to those who are overweight or underweight.

Annual health inspections completed:

| | |
|---|---|
| No. of pupils inspected, | 112 |
| No. with no dental defects, | 39 |
| No. given Audiometer Tests, | 82 |
| No. with defective teeth (diciduous), | 39 |
| No. with defective teeth (permanent), | 42 |
| No. with defective throat, | 13 |
| No. with Pediculi, | 4 |
| No. with defective vision, | 7 |
| No. effected with Impetigo, | 4 |

No. with defective hearing:

| | |
|---|---|
| 18% loss of hearing, | 1 |
| 12% loss of hearing, | 3 |
| 9% loss of hearing, | 9 |
| 6% loss of hearing, | 14 |

Corrections made during the year:

| | |
|---|---|
| Teeth, | 20 |
| Throat, | 5 |
| Vision, | 4 |
| Skin diseases, | 4 |

A few parents and many grandparents still remember the days when devastating epidemics of Smallpox, Diphtheria and Whooping Cough closed schools and inspired terror in their communities. Now the control of these diseases has been achieved by annual immunizations offered by the town. This year the following immunizations were given by Dr. DiBiaso, Health Officer, at three school clinics:

| | |
|---|---|
| Smallpox, | 50 |
| Diphtheria, | 20 |
| Diptheria and Whooping Cough, | 6 |

In addition to the routine work, 47 home visits were made to assist parents in having dental, throat and vision corrections done for the children, and follow-up on Tuberculosis.

We wish to thank the local Red Cross and Salvation Army Units, Community leaders, Seal Sale Chairman, teachers and parents for their generous help this year.

Respectfully submitted,

York County Tuberculosis & Health Assn.

By: NELLIE P. SAWYER, R. N.,

Public Health Nurse.

# REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Cornish:

I am pleased to submit for your consideration my annual report as superintendent of your schools.

There were two changes in the faculty of the Cornish School this past year. Mrs. Benson, teacher of the fifth and sixth grades, resigned because of poor health and Mrs. Fessenden, teacher of Home Economics, resigned to enter the employ of a well known foods concern in Portland.

The need of a boys' coach and science teacher on the High School faculty coupled with the desire to give our children the advantages of the six year Junior-Senior High School persuaded your superintending school committee to re-organize the Cornish School into two divisions: an elementary division consisting of grades one to six inclusive and a junior-senior high school division consisting of grades seven to twelve inclusive.

Miss Pease was transferred from teacher of the seventh and eighth grades to teacher of grades five and six. Grades five and six remained in their former location in the annex. Grades three and four, with Mrs. Sanborn as teacher, were moved from the second floor to the room formerly occupied on the ground floor by grades seven and eight. Grades one and two, with Mrs. Randall as teacher, continued to occupy the room assigned to them through the last few years.

In the junior-senior high school many changes were made. The seventh and eighth grades were moved upstairs to the room vacated by grades three and four. This re-location not only placed these grades near the science laboratory but brought them into closer contact with the high school activities.

In order to secure the maximum use of the educational background of the available teachers the following assignments were made:

Raymond Ayer, Principal and teacher of Social Studies and languages.

Frances Piper, teacher of English.

Kera Chaplin, teacher of Mathematics.

Stephen A. Mathe, Boys' Coach and teacher of Science.

Dorothy L. Locke, teacher of Home Economics and supervisor of School Lunch.

For our boys' coach and science teacher we were fortunate in securing the services of Stephen A. Mathe of Syracuse, New York. A graduate of Springfield College with a Major in Physical Education and a Minor in Science coupled with experience as physical education worker in the Army Air Forces, Mr. Mathe has had an excellent preparation for his present position.

Two new additions to the high school offering, were biology and an integrated and well balanced course in World History in place of Ancient History and Modern History which were offered as two separate courses. Increasing emphasis is being placed upon laboratory work in science courses by student pairs. This improvement in science work is being made possible by beginning a long range program of modernization of the laboratory and providing the needed supplies and equipment. Gas outlets have been provided on the science table for operating the more efficient Bunsen burners in place of the obsolete alcohol lamp. Alternating current outlets and one polarized plug have been provided to make it possible to conduct experiments using electricity. An hot water tap was located on the science table to make it easier to clean the equipment that should be cleaned with water. Two microscopes and eight dissection sets were added for biology instruction.

In the Home Economics laboratory, three important and beneficial changes were made. An agreement was

signed with the Westinghouse Electric Corporation whereby they agreed to supply the Home Economics laboratory with a new standard model electric stove, each year for five years in return for a total payment of fifty percent of the first stove installed and the re-possession of the previous years model. At the end of the fifth year, the model then being used in the laboratory becomes the permanent possession of the town at no additional cost. The electric stove, already in the laboratory was sold at a favorable price to the Cornish & Kezar Falls Light & Power Company and credited towards the cost of the new stove so that the new stove cost the town less than fifty dollars more than the value of the old stove. From the non-foods assistance funds of the federal lunch program money was made available to purchase a gas stove. Wendell Tripp furnished the stove and made the installation of it and a gas supply at a price very favorable to the town. This gas supply is also piped to the science laboratory. The refrigerator was re-located so that a preparation table could be placed between the electric stove and the gas stove. The refrigerator is equal distance from both stoves. This makes it possible to have a compact cooking layout which saves many steps, yet provides sufficient room to move around.

A program has been started to introduce a more objective type of testing and examination in the high school subjects. A comparison of a student's work with that done by his fellow student in the same class during the same year combined with a teacher's judgment is usually found to be a more reliable method of arriving at subject matter grades than by using any one of these methods alone. As a result of a study made by a committee of teachers from the Teachers' Club of this school Union and modified by the Cornish teachers, new report cards were introduced this fall. The principal reason for the change was to better inform the parents

about each child's progress, his needs and difficulties in order that the parents, teachers and children might better co-operate in helping each child receive a better education. The teachers will welcome suggestions for the improvement of these cards.

The Cornish School is fortunate in being scheduled for a visit from Miss Zelda Gordon, State Supervisor of Elementary Education, during the weeks of March 22 and April 2. Miss Gordon formerly taught social studies in the Public Schools of Winchester, Massachusetts. We hope to receive valuable help in revising our present social studies curriculum in the elementary grades.

Archie Evans represented the Cornish Area High School Committee on an inspection trip through the Kennebunk High School last fall. The trip to the school was made in company with representatives from Baldwin, Hiram, Parsonsfield, Porter and Sebago. The party rode in the latest model of a Reo Safety School Bus. The Athletic field, the Industrial Arts shops, the Home Economics and Physical Science laboratories and the gymnasium seemed to be most interesting.

A program of painting each room and the adjoining hall was begun last summer. The primary room for grades one and two was painted in light reflecting but non-glare colors. The walls were painted a soft green which blends well with the cream colored trim and a soft white ceiling. The amount of natural light made available for the children's reading is very noticeable when it is compared with the much duller finish in the other rooms. Urgently needed shelves and bulletin board space were provided, not only in this room but in the other two elementary school rooms.

Upon recommendation of the fire chief, new linen hose was installed on the water hydrants on the first and second floor. Two repairs were made to stop the damage done by leaks. The roof on the annex was treated to

seal it. Louvres were installed in the belfry to prevent the snow and rain from beating in and damaging the plaster on the walls and ceilings. All plaster needed repairing was patched.

A separate electrical circuit was run from the science laboratory to the main switch to avoid blowing out fuses on light circuits by inexperienced experimenters in electricity.

A major item in the school repair program was the renovation of the Cornish Gymnasium. Following the plans and recommendations of a licensed structural engineer, the ceiling, walls, bleachers and roof were strengthened and plumbed to make a safe and usable basketball hall. It was found that the removal of the second floor was permitting the walls of the main building to bulge under the weight of the roof and the sagging ceiling. This condition was corrected by cutting through the outside sheathing in order to bolt four by six timbers on those already there. Bridge type trusses were erected to bear on the top of these two bolted together four by six timbers. The trusses were constructed of heavy timber, large supporting iron rods bolted into heavy steel plates. The sagging ceiling was jacked up and bolted to these trusses so that there was a two inch camber in the ceiling as a factor of safety. The erection of these trusses brought both main walls into plumb. The roof over the bleachers was strengthened by doubling the number of rafters and studding and placing cross ties between each rafter and the main wall. The timbers under the floor and the bleachers were given additional support by installing concrete footings and additional bridging. One-third of the under flooring was replaced with hemlock boards of the proper length and nailed to timbers which were footed into the main timbers to prevent the floor from rising and falling every time a player runs or jumps on it.

The bleachers were supported on trusses which transmit the weight to the floor timbers. This corrected the dangerous condition caused when the weight of the people and the bleachers were resting on the lean-to walls; which resulted in pulling the roof of the lean-to away from the main wall. The bleacher housing was sheathed inside with insulating board. The damaged shingles on the outside were replaced. The floor was buffed, sealed and finished with a water-proof non-skid finish. The exit doors were re-arranged to swing outward to comply with the State Fire Regulations. It was necessary to construct new steps for these exits to replace the broken and rotten steps found there.

The repair budget requested for the coming year includes the cost of the telephone, the overdraft for the last year and an amount for the routine and unexpected repairs.

The dormer on the south-east end of the building should be shingled without delay if it is desired to prevent damage to the walls and ceilings of the newly painted primary room. The chimney should be repaired and pointed up. A competent mason estimated that it would require a sizeable quantity of brick.

The foundation should be patched and pointed to keep it plumb and to make it air tight. The heating plant should be surveyed without delay. Though the steam boilers have received large amounts of boiler seal, they still show a tendency to leak. It is reported to me that the radiators in the hallways at the entrances on each end of the building cannot be used because they will freeze. The radiation in the annex is not sufficient to keep this room comfortably warm on cold days. A competent heating engineer could survey the plant and tell us what should be done to not only make the present plant do a satisfactory job, but he could help us to get the necessary information ready if the present boilers should cease working. Such an event usually happens

during cold weather because that is when the boilers are under the greatest strain. If these boilers should require replacement it is estimated that it would take at least a week or ten days to place the plant in operation again. An engineer's survey would give the town the list of items to be secured and the specifications for competitive bidding. Check bids could be secured and plans made for immediate replacement in the event the need arises.

Two additional drinking fountains should be installed. At the present time two drinking fountains are serving 150 children. If it is desired to continue the plan of rotating repairs so as to even the financial strain on the town, the adjacent hall and room for grades three and four should be repainted in a soft light reflecting paint. Ten chairs should be purchased for the primary room. Ten combination movable desks and chairs should be bought for distribution in the elementary and high school grades.

Your superintending school committee requests the following appropriations for the coming year:

| | |
|---|---|
| Elementary schools, | $6,700.00 |
| High school and high school tuition, | 4,200.00 |
| Home economics, | 1,225.00 |
| Books and supplies, | 450.00 |
| Repairs, | 2,200.00 |

In closing, I wish to thank the citizens of Cornish for their co-operation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER T. PULSIFER,

Superintendent of Schools.

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 18 | 15 | | | | | | | | | | | 33 |
| | | | 12 | 19 | | | | | | | | | 31 |
| | | | | | 13 | 15 | | | | | | | 28 |
| | | | | | | | 14 | 12 | | | | | 26 |
| | | | | | | | | | 11 | 10 | 10 | 2 | 33 |
| Totals | 18 | 15 | 12 | 19 | 13 | 15 | 14 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 2 | 151 |

Faculty:

Jessie Randall, Grades 1 and 2.

Ruth Sanborn, Grades 3 and 4.

Rebecca Pease, Grades 5 and 6.

Kera Chaplin, Mathematics.

Frances Piper, English.

Stephen Mathe, Science and Coach.

Raymond Ayer, Principal and Languages, Social Studies.

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

### RESOURCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount unexpended last year, | $ 430.41 | |
| Amount raised by town, | 5,000.00 | |
| Amount received from State School Fund, | 5,325.97 | |
| Amount received from State Equalization Fund, | 737.00 | |
| Amount received from W. Wadsworth, | 20.00 | |
| | | $11,513.38 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid: | | |
| Teachers, | $7,189.58 | |
| Janitor, cleaning and supplies, | 654.26 | |
| Conveyance, | 2,691.25 | |
| Tuition, | 150.00 | |
| Fuel, | 645.10 | |
| Lights and water, | 59.75 | |
| | | $11,389.94 |
| Amount unexpended this year, | | 123.44 |
| | | $11,513.38 |

## CORNISH HIGH SCHOOL

RESOURCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount unexpended last year, | $ 513.50 | |
| Amount raised by town, | 5,300.00 | |
| Amount received from State equalization fund, | 437.00 | |
| Amount received from town of Hiram, | 107.80 | |
| | | $6,358.30 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid: | | |
| Teachers, | $4,647.46 | |
| Janitor, cleaning and supplies, | 653.85 | |
| Fuel, | 675.81 | |
| Lights and water, | 69.69 | |
| Tuition, | 125.00 | |
| | | $6,171.81 |
| Amount unexpended this year, | | 186.49 |
| | | $6,358.30 |

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

RESOURCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount unexpended last year, | $ 36.39 | |
| Amount raised by town (March meeting), | 450.00 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount raised by town (Special meeting), | 500.00 | |
| Amount received from State equalization fund, | 600.00 | |
| | | $1,586.39 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid: | | |
| For books and supplies, | $1,238.66 | |
| For high school laboratory, | 284.63 | |
| For high school library, | 41.02 | |
| | | $1,564.31 |
| Amount unexpended this year, | | 22.08 |
| | | $1,586.39 |

## REPAIRS

RESOURCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount unexpended last year, | $ 43.80 | |
| Amount raised by town, | 1,000.00 | |
| | | $1,043.80 |
| Overdraft to balance, | | 233.17 |
| | | $1,276.97 |

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid, | $1,276.97 |

## HOME ECONOMICS

RESOURCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Overdraft remaining from 1945, | $ 123.40 | |
| Amount raised by town, | 1,225.00 | |
| Amount received from State home economics fund, | 600.00 | |
| | | $1,701.60 |

EXPENDITURES

Paid:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Dorothy Locke, teacher, | $1,572.85 | |
| For supplies, | 35.21 | |
| | | $1,608.06 |
| Amount unexpended this year, | | 93.54 |
| | | $1,701.60 |

## GYMNASIUM

RESOURCES

Amount raised by town:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| March 4, 1946, | $ 50.00 | |
| March 10, 1947, | 280.00 | |
| March 10, 1947, | 258.00 | |
| October 22, 1947, | 800.00 | |
| December 18, 1947, | 1,102.93 | |
| | | $2,491.85 |

EXPENDITURES

Paid:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Repairs of snow damage, | $ 280.92 | |
| Renovations, | 2,206.63 | |
| | | $2,491.85 |

# AUDITOR'S REPORT

April 9, 1947

Board of Selectmen, Cornish, Maine.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944 and at your request, the records of the Town of Cornish have been audited by Auditor G. C. Lewis for the period February 9, 1946 to January 31, 1947 inclusive.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable in the circumstances and included all procedures which were considered necessary. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the Town appear to have been appropriately handled, with such exceptions as are mentioned in the comments.

Exhibits and schedules incorporated in this report impartially present the financial position of the Town and the result of its operations for the period designated. Recommendations have been made which, we believe, are worthy of your consideration.

Comments and other data incorporated in this report may prove of interest to you. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

FRED M. BERRY,

State Auditor.

The complete report of the audit, as required by Chapter 80, Section 119, Revised Statutes of 1944, and amended by Chapter 84, Public Laws of 1945, is on file in the office of the Selectmen.

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## Total Charged to Collector

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Tax commitment, | $28,520.00 | |
| Supplemental tax, | 329.60 | |
| | | $28,849.60 |

## Credits to Collector

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash to treasurer, | $26,061.80 | |
| Abatements, | 21.60 | |
| | | $26,083.40 |
| Uncollected 1947 taxes as listed, | | $2,766.20 |

## UNCOLLECTED 1947 TAXES

| | Poll taxes | Real estate | Personal | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Berry, Harold, | $ 3.00 | $ 28.00 | | $ 31.00 |
| *Brier, John W., | 3.00 | 16.00 | | 19.00 |
| Burnell, Milton, | | 13.80 | | 13.80 |
| Blanchette, Girard, | 3.00 | 20.00 | | 23.00 |
| Carr, Hearn, | | 144.00 | $ 6.80 | 150.80 |
| Dede, Raymond T., | | 40.00 | | 40.00 |
| Fluent, Raymond E., | 3.00 | 56.00 | .80 | 59.80 |
| Hutchins, Winfield, | 3.00 | | 20.00 | 23.00 |
| Holt, Clifford, | | 64.00 | 1.60 | 65.60 |
| Harrington, John, | | 44.00 | .80 | 44.80 |
| Jones, Raymond, | 3.00 | 18.00 | .80 | 21.80 |
| Lord, Annie M., | | 80.00 | .80 | 80.80 |
| Mayo, Herbert, | | 40.00 | .80 | 40.80 |
| Martin, Kenneth, | 3.00 | 2.00 | .80 | 5.80 |
| Parker, Hallie, | | 22.00 | .80 | 22.80 |
| Pugsley, Walter, | 3.00 | 16.00 | .80 | 19.80 |
| Rankin, Arthur, | 3.00 | | | 3.00 |
| Rounds, Edwin and Elizabeth, | | 504.00 | .80 | 504.80 |
| Rounds, Norman, | 3.00 | | 39.20 | 42.20 |
| Sargent, Carl, | 3.00 | | 4.80 | 7.80 |
| Sargent, Owen, | 3.00 | 8.00 | .80 | 11.80 |
| Sargent, Ethel, | | 4.00 | | 4.00 |
| Stone, Est. of Clara L., | | 56.00 | | 56.00 |
| Stone, Lester, | 3.00 | 56.00 | 3.60 | 62.60 |
| Smith, George O., | | | 96.80 | 96.80 |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stearns, Newton, | 3.00 | | | 3.00 |
| Tufts, Maurice, | | 48.00 | .80 | 48.80 |
| Wales, Est. of Alfonso, | | 40.00 | | 40.00 |
| Webb, Walter L., heirs of, | | 72.00 | | 72.00 |
| Wentworth, Herbert E., | | 40.00 | | 40.00 |
| Woods, George, | 3.00 | | 6.00 | 9.00 |
| Bailey, Warren, | | 12.00 | | 12.00 |
| Brookings, Arthur, | | 8.00 | | 8.00 |
| Brown, heirs of Timothy, | | 120.00 | | 120.00 |
| Burgess, Est. of Hazel, | | 12.00 | | 12.00 |
| Brooks, Alice C., | | 104.00 | | 104.00 |
| Bolton, Richard, | | | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| Berry, Herbert, | | 156.00 | | 156.00 |
| Chellis, William, | | | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| Day, Howard, | | 32.00 | | 32.00 |
| Fogg, Charles, | | 14.00 | | 14.00 |
| Hamilton, Wendell, | | 12.00 | | 12.00 |
| Hentschell, Max P., | | 20.00 | | 20.00 |
| Henry, R. N., | | 16.00 | | 16.00 |
| McDonald, Noah, | | 30.00 | | 30.00 |
| Pratt, Norman, | | 20.00 | | 20.00 |
| Smith, heirs of Elias, | | 32.00 | | 32.00 |
| Smith, heirs of Edgar, | | 8.00 | | 8.00 |
| Trynor, Charles, | | 56.00 | | 56.00 |
| Weeks, Roy J., | | 2.00 | | 2.00 |
| Watson, heirs of Stephen, | | 3.20 | | 3.20 |
| Watson, Malcolm, | | 6.00 | | 6.00 |
| Warren, Arthur, | | 8.00 | | 8.00 |
| Warren, Chas. and son, | 3.00 | 120.00 | 40.80 | 163.80 |
| Ladew, Robert, | | 90.00 | | 90.00 |
| Hartford, Orman C., | | 160.00 | .80 | 160.80 |
| | $48.00 | $2,473.00 | $245.00 | $2,766.20 |

* Paid after close of books, February 1, 1948.

Tax liens could not legally be taken at this time. The tax lien procedure will be used on all unpaid real estate taxes listed above as of February 1, 1947, on or about May 1, 1948.

## ABATEMENTS

### 1947

| | |
|---|---|
| Martin, William, poll, deceased, | $3.00 |
| Parker, Morton, poll, paid in Portland, | 3.00 |
| Sawyer, Kendrick, poll, paid in Sanford, | 3.00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sturgeon, William, personal, error, | 2.80 | |
| Smith, George O., poll, deceased, | 3.00 | |
| Weeks, Ernest E., Jr., poll, paid in Mass., | 3.00 | |
| Warren, Roy, Jr., poll, paid in Parsonsfield, | 3.00 | |
| Smith, Josiah, personal, left town, | .80 | |
| Total, | | $21.60 |

## EXCISE TAX

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Collected, 1947, | $988.78 | |
| Collected, 1948, | 495.21 | |
| | | $1,483.99 |
| Cash paid treasurer, | | $1,483.99 |

## UNCOLLECTED TAXES, PREVIOUS YEARS

| | |
|---|---|
| 1946, | $ 42.36 |
| 1945, | 82.52 |
| 1944, | 398.56 |
| 1943, | 218.70 |
| 1942, | 84.88 |
| 1941, | 59.78 |
| 1940, | 41.21 |
| 1939, | 23.19 |
| 1938, | 40.89 |
| 1937, | 44.23 |
| 1936, | 26.85 |

Respectfully submitted,

LESTER L. NORTON,

Collector.

# REPORT OF TREASURER

## Year Ending February 1, 1948

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand, March 10, 1947, | $ 4,593.86 | |
| Total receipts, | 53,497.36 | |
| Total available, | | $58,091.22 |
| Total warrants paid, | $51,875.72 | |
| Cash balance, February 1, 1948, | 6,215.50 | |
| | | $58,091.22 |

## TABULATION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS

| | |
|---|---|
| Clifton E. Whitney, treasurer: | |
| Excise tax, 1946-1947-1948, | $ 1,015.77 |
| Commitment, 1947, | 26,002.64 |
| Commitment, 1946, | 110.08 |
| Commitment, 1945, | 3.00 |
| Commitment, 1944, | 6.19 |
| Supplemental tax, 1947, | 341.60 |
| Supplemental tax, 1946, | 6.00 |
| Licenses: | |
| Sumner Kerr, pool, | 10.00 |
| School tuition and supplies: | |
| Walter T. Pulsifer, home economics, | 112.78 |
| Walter T. Pulsifer, high school repairs, | 9.95 |
| J. W. Wadsworth, elementary school, | 41.00 |
| Town of Hiram, elementary, | 227.80 |
| Temporary loans: | |
| Kezar Falls National Bank, | 9,000.00 |
| Loans: | |
| Kezar Falls National Bank, | 5,069.43 |
| J. R. Bradeen, | 431.00 |
| Rent town property: | |
| Roland R. Day, rent P. M. Hall, | 937.00 |
| Alpha Dugas, rent P. M. Hall, | 135.00 |

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|---|---|
| State treasurer: | |
| 1946-1947, snow removal, | 59.70 |
| 1946-1947, industrial education, | 600.00 |
| Bank stock, | 73.66 |
| State library stipend, | 10.00 |
| Highway, State aid construction, | 1,512.53 |
| Highway, special resolve, | 552.40 |
| Highway, town road improvement, | 699.52 |
| Equalization fund, | 1,774.00 |
| State school fund after deduction of State tax, | 2,414.96 |
| Highway, State aid, | 917.37 |
| Tax liens: | |
| Bert Miller, 1944, | 9.60 |
| Charges, | 1.50 |
| Interest, | 1.73 |
| Bert Miller, 1945, | 10.05 |
| Charges, | 1.50 |
| Interest, | 1.20 |
| Jessie Edgecomb, 1946, | 32.00 |
| Charges, | 1.00 |
| Interest, | 1.92 |
| Herbert E. Brown, 1946, | 108.00 |
| Charges, | 1.00 |
| Interest, | 6.48 |
| Registry deeds, | .50 |
| Falkner McKenney, 1946, Ambrose Bellivance, | 28.80 |
| Charges, | 1.00 |
| Interest, | 1.86 |
| Annie M. Lord, 1945, | 73.70 |
| Interest, 1945, | 4.42 |
| Interest, 1946, | 4.42 |
| Interest, 1947, | 2.94 |
| Charges, 1947, | 1.00 |

Fire department:

| | |
|---|---|
| Town of Hiram, | 65.00 |
| Town of Baldwin, | 33.00 |
| Clifford Dow, | 9.38 |
| The Diamond Match Co., | 65.00 |
| The Diamond Match Co., | 115.00 |

Poor account, Brackett, Gorham:

| | |
|---|---|
| Reimbursement from Town of Gorham, | 788.13 |

Miscellaneous:

| | |
|---|---|
| Lester L. Norton, bank balance, | 3.85 |
| Lester L. Norton, contg. petty cash, | 50.00 |
| | $53,497.36 |

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON E. WHITNEY,

Treasurer.

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